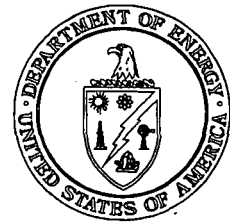




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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF COMPLETION MILESTONE FOR OPERABLE  
UNIT 1, WASTE PITS REMEDIAL ACTION PROJECT, FERNALD CLOSURE  
PROJECT**

The purpose of this letter is to request per Section XVIII (B)(5), an extension to the project completion milestone for Operable Unit 1, the Waste Pits Remedial Action Project (WPRAP), at the Fernald Closure Project. This letter is submitted based on a recent telephone conversation between Dave Lojek of my staff and your agencies, wherein Mr. Saric, recommended submitting a letter to formally request an extension. The specific milestone was identified in the Final Remedial Action Work Plan for Operable Unit 1 issued in January 1997. The milestone is an "enforceable milestone", defined as "Completion of Operations (including above-ground D&D), May 31, 2005".

The final Waste Pits waste material and required liner will be loaded into railcars by May 27<sup>th</sup>, and those railcars are scheduled to be shipped for off-site disposal of the material on June 1<sup>st</sup>, in Unit Train #153. The operating basis of the WPRAP was for the excavation, treatment, and off-site disposal of 626,499 tons of waste. In actuality, with the shipping of Unit Train #153, the WPRAP will have shipped for off-site disposal approximately 970,000 tons of waste – over a 50% increase in the project's waste tonnage.

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Furthermore, the WPRAP:


- Has successfully completed removal of the source term from the waste pits and will successfully complete loading the final waste into railcars by the end of May 2005;
- Has completed the above grade D&D of the Dryers, Thermal Oxidizer, Gas Cleaning/Water Treatment Building, and the Maintenance Building of the subcontractor's remediation facility; the Material Handling Building, Railcar Loading Building, and, Railcar Liner & Lid Repair Building remain to be completed;
- Is in progress to finalize the sale of the remediation equipment - the Loaders, Haulers, Excavators and Water Trucks - to an off-site company (Envirocare).

The Department of Energy is requesting an extension of the enforceable milestone for "Completion of Operations (including above-ground D&D)" until December 31, 2005. This extension will provide the time needed to sequence and complete the D&D of the remaining facilities and provide the time needed to complete the sale of the equipment.

We believe the above information illustrates a good faith effort to meet a commitment that was made over 8 years ago and constitutes good cause for the extension request of 7 months.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Dave Lojek at (513) 648-3127.

Sincerely,

  
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Director

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